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1. IN AN AID AGREEMENT SIGNED FEB 28, NORWAY WILL GIVE MOZAMBIQUE 22 MILLION CROWNS (ABOUT 3.5 MILLION). ACCORDING TO PRESS ARTICLE, MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL, AGRICULTURAL, HEALTH AND PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASES.

2. AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY JOAO BAPTISTE COSME, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND SVEREE UTNE, CHIEF OF THE NORWEGIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

3. PRESS ALSO STATED THAT A "HIGHER LEVEL" NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON APRIL 17 TO DISCUSS NORWEGIAN AID FOR 1977.

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4. COMMENT: AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A TWO-TIERED POLICY FOR ACCEPTING AID FROM WESTERN SOURCES. ON THE FIRST LEVEL, GPRM IS HAPPY TO ACCEPT BUDGETARY (OR BALANCE OF PAYMENT) AID WHICH CAN BE USED TO FINANCE IMPORTS FOR LOCALLY APPROVED SHORT-TERM GPRM PROJECTS. THIS IS THE TYPE OF UNRESTRICTED AID THAT THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE MOST FAMOUS FOR, AND THEIR AID HAS BEEN READILY ACCEPTED HERE. ON THE SECOND LEVEL, GPRM HAS REFUSED OR DELAYED TIED PROJECT AID FROM MOST OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS INDIA, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND FRANCE, CLAIMING THAT IT HAS NOT FINISHED ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

5. THE POLICY FOR AID FROM THE SOCIALIST STATES IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. SOME PROGRAMMED SOCIALIST AID HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT, BUT APPEARS TO FOLLOW PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY GPRM. FOR EXAMPLE, AID FROM NORTH KOREA, BULGARIA, GDR, AND PRC HAS TAKEN FORM OF MEDICAL OR HUMANITARIAN AID (SOME MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED). HOWEVER, TO DATE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN, AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, GPRM HAS NOT APPROVED ANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PERHAPS FOR THE SAME REASONS THE WESTERN STATES HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFT OUT IN THE COLD-THE UNFINISHED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. EVEN THE LARGE CHINESE LOAN OF \$56 MILLION HAS NOT BEEN SRAWN ON.

6. OF NOTE IS THE RISING STAR OF JOAO BAPTISTE COSME, WHO SIGNED BOTH THE DANISH (REPORTED REFTEL) AND NORWEGIAN AGREEMENTS FOR MOZAMBIQUE. LARGE AID DONATIONS SUCH AS THESE, FROM COUNTRIES GPRM REGARDS AS FRIENDLY, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY LOW-LEVEL

GPRM OFFICIALS. COSME IS REPUTED TO BE NUMBER TWO MAN IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND TO ENJOY FULL CONFIDENCE OF THE MINISTER (AND VICE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO), MARCELINO DOS SANTOS.

7. FOR OSLO: ANY INFOR YOU MAY DEVELOP REGARDING EXPECTED APRIL 17 DELEGATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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